

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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FEE HIKE IN SAINIK SCHOOLS
SHRINWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether students studying in the Sainik Schools had to discontinue their studies due to steep rise in education fee charged by these schools;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to stop the dropping out of students;
- (c) whether a proposal from Satara Sainik School regarding sharing of fees has been received by the Union Government; and
- (d) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The last revision of fees in Sainik Schools implemented from the year 1999-2000 was necessitated due to the implementation of recommendations of the Vth Pay Commission, introduction of pension scheme and the annual escalation in prices. There were some withdrawals of cadets due to increase in fees.

(b) The income slabs for income-cum-means scholarships applicable to the Defence category were revised simultaneously. The State Governments were also advised, at their discretion to decide the income slabs for award of scholarships. In order to ameliorate the hardship caused to the parents of cadets, Central Government has decided to share the additional burden of increase in fees and dietary charges with the parents.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.